# HEARST DELEGATES TO BE GROUND BENEATH A RELENTLESS MACHINE

Policy of the State Convention Foreshadowed in District Caucuses Held Last Night.

ABSOLUTELY POWERLESS

Hearst People as Helpless as if They Had No Delegates-Will Be Given a Hearing.

WILD SCENES IN CAUCUS

Hearst People Shut Out, but Raised Storm and Fought Like Madmen.

With the relentless, resistless power of the machine, the most absolute machine ever known in Indiana politics, the Parker forces will dominate the Democratic state convention to-day and send a delegation of thirty men to the national convention who will be bound by the unit rule and instructed to vote for Judge Alton B. Parker for the presidential nomination.

The Hearst people are as helpless as if they did not have a delegate in the conand will be permitted to make all the noise they please, but so far as having a voice in the proceedings and the transaction of the business of the convention they will be bound hand and foot and gagged.

to exercise to the extreme limit the power which they possess through the machinery of the state organization was shown in several district caucuses, except in sion was by ticket only. The distribution of tickets was in the hands of the district chairmen, all of whom are Parker adherents, consequently the contesting Hearst delegates stood as little show of gaining admission to the caucuses as they will stand of getting recognition in the convention to-day.

HEARST DELEGATES BOLT. As a result of this policy of the state organization the Hearst people have already started their movement to bolt today's convention and hold a rump convention that will send a complete set of Hearst delegates to St. Louis. Rump caucuses were held last night in the Tenth and Secand districts immediately following the Districting Act of 1897, It Is Un- Father of the Dead Youth Says And Was Excoriated by the Jusregular caucuses, and it was reported late at night that the Hearst delegates from all the other districts had got together and elected Hearst slates of delegates and convention officers, which will be submitted to the convention to-day. When the convention turns the Hearst

people down on their district claims, as it surely will, it is thought by some that the followers of the publisher-candidate for President will walk out and organize their Notwithstanding the threats of bolting

made on all sides by enraged Hearstites last night, J. Oscar Henderson, who has been at the head of the Hearst burueau, declared

At the same time Mr. Henderson was making this declaration the followers of in order to avoid there being no constituthe assembly hall of the Claypool, at which they received reports from the rump caucuses and heard speeches declaring that the Hearstites should not submit to the gag policy adopted by the Parkerites. At this mass convention it was reported that the Hearst delegates in the First, Second, Sixth. Seventh, Ninth, Tenth and Thirteenth districts had held rump caucuses and selected entire slates for the convention officers and national delegates. These reports were reand then the mass convention proceeded to indorse Senator Lew V. Ulrey, of Fort Wayne, and Judge James McCabe, of Wilrt, as Hearst candidates for delegates at large. Charles F. S. Neal, of Lebanon, was appointed chairman of a steering committee that will take charge of the Hearst fight on the floor of the convention.

FOUGHT LIKE MADMEN.

The scenes attending several of the causcription. Inflamed with the bitterness of the most intense partisanship, men fought, raved and cursed like madmen. This was especially true at the Tenth district caucus among the voters of the State cannot be especially true at the Tenth district caucus secured, it can be approximated, and the secured. The Hearst delegates Constitution requires that it shall be approximated approximated and the Constitution requires that it shall be approximated. they were successful. A sufficient number | that discretion must be exercised within of Hearst people gained admittance to both the limitations of the Constitution. If it the Tenth and Second district caucuses to is abused and the validity of an apporstart and maintain a veritable pademonium | tionment act is brought into dispute the as soon as the Parker people opened proings. Regular and orderly transaction of the business at hand was utterly out of the question. Parker men were put in as chairman and then the Parker slates of delegates and convention officers were read. No one heard the names read, and the votes taken were mere mockeries on parliamentary procedure, but it was apparent that the Parker people were in the ma-jority and on that showing the district organizations declared the Parker slates elected and so reported to state headquar-

The Hearst people then took possession and held their rump caucuses. They were able to proceed with less confusion, for the Parker people left the hall and did not attempt to prolong the agony.

PARKER MAN GOES TO HEARST. The feature of the fight in the Tenth Johannes Kopelke, of Crown Point, who went over to the Hearst people because, machine domination. With a Parker badge on his coat he was put on a table in the center of the room and from the improvised stage made a passionate speech in which he denounced Samuel T. Murdock. of Lafayette, and the other Parker leaders who had directed the machine proceedings. As a climax he declared that if the Parkto the echo by the excited Hearstites.

SEVENTH DISTRICT BOLT. One of the most interesting of the rump | KANSAS CITY MAN IS caucuses, and one that was kept secret from the Parker people until a late hour, was that of Seventh district delegates. In the primaries in this district every delegate Woman Says Her Husband Was elected was on a Parker slate, but Hearst's emissaries had labored long and hard during the last week, with the result that they won over thirty-eight of the delegates These delegates kept quiet during the regular caucus in the Marion County Democratte Club rooms, but after that was over they marched over to the Lorraine Hotel, where in Room 216 they organized a caucus of their own, with John Barmfuhrer, of the Tenth ward, as chairman, and Thomas denounced snap primaries and Taggart methods. Then he declared that in the regular caucus the only thing done in pursuance of the call of the state chairman had been the selection of a member of the committee on credentials and a contingent elector. He said it was up to the Hearst delegates to elect the delegates and alternates to the national convention and the

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# HIGH COURT HOLDS ACT OF 1903 UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Decision Affirms Former Findings | Coroner's Verdict in the Mysteriin the Apportionment Cases.

OTHER LAW NOT NOTICED

derstood, Will Apply by

Inference.

The Supreme Court yesterday declared insisting that the elections be held, but it there would be no rump convention. He is understood that this act will apply by the people who heard the evidence and ex- were made within the Raleigh Club, but said he would not stand for such a pro- inference. The court further directs that tional act under which to hold them.

> The full purport of this decision is that the politicians who figured on the election | terious than ever. being carried out under the act of 1903 will have to make new plans.

is to the effect that any system of gerrymandering is unconstitutional, and that there is an inequality in the apportionment ceived with enthusiastic demonstrations, of senators and representatives in the act nounce the act void.

The opinion further sets out that the districting of the State for the apportionment of senators and representatives must proceed upon the basis of the number of male inhabitants over twenty-one years of age, and that this districting should be so arranged as to give every voter an equal opportunity with every other voter.

In part the opinion reads: "While it is true that exact equality in his home at Big Stone Gap. practicable. The General Assembly has much discretion in the disposition of the is abused and the validity of an apporquestion becomes a judicial one.'

Further on the opinion condemns political unfairness in the following language: "An apportionment which gives and intended to give to one political party or another a decided or unfair political advantage in the election of members of the General Assembly, where such disparity pitch of the gallery is modified. In the can be avoided, must for that reason be condemned. In the consideration of such statutes the law can regard with no favor | which will make passageways leading to a law which designedly disfranchises any | exits. portion of the male inhabitants of the State over the age of twenty-one or deprives them of that fair proportion of repprives them of that fair proportion of representation which the Constitution declares CANNON FOR FAIRBANKS they shall have." they shall have."

At this point specific instances of disportionment are cited. "The number of male inhabitants of the counties of Switzerland, Dearborn, Ohio and Franklin, over the age of twenty-one, was the defection of former State Senator as shown by the enumeration of 1901, was 15,652, being 1,766 more than the senatorial unit of 13,886. The act of 1903 And not apportion a senator to these countles, but added he declared, of the injustice of the Parker | the county of Union to make a senatorial district which then contained 3,889 in excess of the senatorial unit. After citing one or more similar dispor-

tionments the opinion ends in the follow-"It is not necessary that we should go further. The inequalities in the apportionment which we have mentioned cannot be explained on the ground that they were inevitable or defended on the ground that er people proceeded by similar methods in they were approximately just. These in-the state convention to-day he would not stances are sufficient to compel this court stances are sufficient to compel this court support the Democratic ticket at the polls to declare that the act does not conform to in November. His sentiments were cheered the requirements of the Constitution and that it is void."

SLAIN IN HIS HOME

Victim of Negroes Bent on Robbery.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11.-Clarence terribly slashed and killed in his home in during the night. According to Mrs. Meyer, Long, of the Ninth, as secretary. The who reported the matter to the police to-chairman made a long speech in which he day, two negroes entered the house at 2 day, two negroes entered the house at 2 o'clock in the morning. While one held the woman to prevent her giving the alarm, banks, of Indiana, for Vice President. This the other struggled with Meyer, slashing action was taken with the approval of him with a razor on the head, throat and | Speaker Cannon, who feared the state conbody. Mrs. Meyer became unconscious and | vention might indorse himself. did not recover until many hours later, when she found her husband dead. The house had been ransacked. The police have found no trace of the negroes.

The state central committee to-day decided upon Speaker Cannon for temporary chairman, and L. T. Hoy, of Woodstock, for temporary secretary. found no trace of the negroes.

## MILLIONAIRE E. L. WENTZ KILLED WITH OWN PISTOL

ous Tragedy of Lonely Black Mountain.

FINDING IS A SURPRISE LOST

His Son Did Not Commit

Suicide.

BRISTOL, Tenn., May 11.-"He came to tionality of the act providing for the ap- tions surrounding the death of Edward L. James

hog's home for the missing right hand of | counsel's speech and sobbed bitterly. The opinion handed down by the court the dead man, believed to have been car-

> fingers. This was without result. PHILADELPHIA, May 11 .- Dr. John S. Wentz, father of E. L. Wentz, to-night was probed with a minuteness scarcely said he was convinced that his son was ever equaled in a similar case. He conmurdered. "My son did not commit suicide." he said. "He had no reason what- lice courts, but for trifling assaults at card ever for doing such a thing. Some people would like to show that he did in order to clear themselves of the murder, but their plan will not work. Edward did not have a All the weapons he owned have been found

WILL BE REOPENED

CHICAGO, May 11 .- A step toward opening the Iroquois Theater has been taken, plans for remodeling the interior in strict compliance with the ordinance having been laid before Commissioner Williams by the and married Rosalind Secor. new owners. Hyde & Behman, of New York, and Harry Davis, of Pittsburg. A seating capacity of 1,600, which is not far from the old capacity, is provided for. The steep rear of the main floor of the baicony and of the gallery are planned fireproof walls

#### GROOM OF A FEW HOURS SICK WITH APPENDICITIS ON THE NATIONAL TICKET

to Indorse the Indianian for Vice President.

YATES MEN "STAND PAT" WAS MARRIED TUESDAY AMOUNT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 11 .- The Republican State convention, which convenes at noon to-morrow, will not be permanently organized before Friday morning. There will be a fight to-morrow over the seat- from an attack of appendicitis which came of Mrs. Charles L. Fair, was dismissed several hundred Moros. First Lieut. Harry ing in the temporary organization of the delegates recommended by the state central committee. State Senator Berry has been selected to make the fight on behalf of at the hotel a doctor was summoned and Dineen, Sherman and Hamlin. The com- the case was diagnosed as appendicitis.

At 2 colock this morning it was a question mittee on credentials is expected to occupy all of to-morrow in the hearing of con-

The Yates men are jubilant to-night. Meetings of Yates's delegates were held at the executive mansion by congressional districts, beginning at 9 o'clock this morning and continuing all day. At the conclusion it was announced that not less than 500 Yates delegates would "stand pat." The Yates partisans rely on Dineen to throw his support to Yates if there appears any probability of Lowden's nomina- SLAYS HIS WIFE, THEN tion. They say that Hamlin will pursue a

similar course

A number of congressmen held an in formal meeting to-day and decided to ask

# REMARKABLE GAMBLING STORIES TOLD IN COURT

Notorious "Bob" Sievier's Character Ventilated in a Sensational Manner.

tice—Case in Which the Nobility Played Part.

LONDON, May 11.-A sensational libel against the apportionment act of 1903 in his death by the accidental discharge of his suit brought by the well-known race horse affirming the decision of the Ripley county own pistol" is the verdict of the coroner's owner, R. S. Sieviers, against Sir James court in one of the three famous "appor- jury which for nearly two days has been Duke, also well known on the turf, was tionment cases" involving the constitu- investigating the circumstances and condi- concluded to-day with a verdict for Sir

portionment of the State into districts for Wentz, the young millionaire, whose body | Sievier charged Sir James with calling the election of state senators and repre- was discovered, decayed and unburied, on a | him a thief, card sharper and murderer. spur of Black mountain last Sunday after- and that Sievier caused his famous mare noon. The verdict came as a surprise in Sceptre to be "pulled" in the Derby, Sir every quarter, as the great majority of James pleaded privilege, as the statements amined conditions surrounding the body as he endeavored to show that Sievier's was the elections be carried out under this act | it lay on the mountain believe the cause to | such that he could not be libeled. The have been suicide, while there are many jury to-day decided that Sir James had others who say there is crime so deep and | not committed any libel, and mulcted plars yesterday afternoon. Twenty-seven cunning as to make the affair more mys- | Sievier in the costs of the suits. Sievier. who was remarkably cool throughout the A search was made in a near-by ground case, broke down toward the end of his

> Justice Grantham in summing up was ried away by some animal. The dirt was | very severe in his stricture of Sievier. He dug away to the end of the hole and sifted | said the late Queen Victoria would almost through a screen in search for the missing rather have given up her throne than have bones and the ring worn on one of the such a man presented to her.

> The case attracted continued interest owing to the fact that Sievier's past life fessed to having been three times bankrupted and to being several times in pogames and billiard matches. Bets running into the thousands of pounds were recounted from the witness stand with frankness and in numbers that somewhat amazed the hearers. On the long run, revolver with him when he disappeared. Sievier declared, he was a heavy loser in gambling transactions. One game in particular, when the Duke of Braganza lost about \$25,000 while playing with Sievier at Monte Carlo, caused much cross-examination. The defendant's cou declared that a famous American card sharper named Burns, brother of a man imprisoned for robbing J. Pierpont Morgan's house, participated in the game, but Sievier declared he was not aware of his identity until after the game was over, when the Duke of Braganza himself and Guy Chetwynd came to an arrangement satisfactory to all. Chetwynd is a son of Sir George Chetwynd On another occasion Sievier won \$30,000 from a friend at cards and the loser's wife

wrote him a pathetic letter and Sievier accepted \$12,500, "a pretty large sum for a card sharper to let anybody off," remarked Sievier on the stand. After his return from Australia Sievier was presented at court to Queen Victoria, Grand Recorder Calvin W. Prather and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 2.)

Stricken on a Train While Riding

from Bluffton to Ft. Wayne.

that gave him Miss Mollie Cummins for

his bride. Immediately after his arrival

whether he could long endure the agony,

but later he seemed to become easier. Dr.

McOscar advised an operation, but the

bride objected for the present. She is en-

To-night Mr. Gause is resting more eas-

ily, but is still suffering and will not be

able to be moved for some days at least,

He says he had an attack of pain similar

to this last Saturday while working in the

home prepared for his bride at New Castle,

MENOMINEE, Mich., May 11.-Fred Zie-

mann, of Neenah, Wis., murdered his wife

by cutting her throat with a razor, then he

half severed his own head with the same

weapon. The Ziemanns had not lived to-

gether for some time. At last accounts

Ziemann was still alive, with s'ight chances

CUTS HIS OWN THROAT

during her anxiety splendidly.

but it soon passed away.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

# TEMPLAR CLOSES A DAY OF POMP AND DISPLAY Hundreds of Golden Jubilee Vis-

BALL FOR THE KNIGHTS

itors Are Royally Entertained in Tomlinson Hall.

PARADE IS A FEATURE

Waving Plumes of Marching Men Make Imposing Scene Along Line of March.

TO NAME OFFICERS TO-DAY

Places to Be Filled by Promotion and Session of Grand Commandery Will Be Brief.

The entertainment given in Tomlinson Hall last night for the visiting Knights Templars and their ladies came as a fitting climax to a day of unusual pomp and display with the members of the order on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the Grand Commandery. No less than 1,500 knights and ladies were present.

The decorations about the hall were gorgeous and extensive. Flags, Knight Templar emblems and hundreds of yards of bunting were in evidence. A large-cross, formed of red incandescent electric lights, hung just in front of the stage and below this an elaborate sign of welcome was suspended, shedding light from many incandescent bulbs, of which it was composed. The front of Tomlinson Hall was brilliantly decorated for the occasion. Hundreds of red and green incandescent lights formed a mammoth reproduction of the Knight crown. It was pronounced the most elaborate effort at decoration that had ever been attempted about the great hall.

THE EVENING MEETING. H. C. Adams, past grand commander, presided at the meeting which preceded the ball, instead of Governor Durbin, who was absent from the city. Mayor John W. Holtzman delivered a short address of welcome. which was happily replied to by Thomas R. Marshall, a Knight from Columbia City. Following these short addresses there was music by the Rapier Commandery Quartet. The paper of the evening of most interest to the members of the order was that of John L. Rupe, of Richmond, who discussed

the last fifty years of the Knight Templar work in this State at length. Unbounded enthusiasm was apparent al through the meeting and the members of the order expressed themselves as being more than well pleased with the day's

After the closing address the hall was formed members took part. Over two hundred couples were on the floor. Notable among those in attendance were Edwin Palmer, of Richmond, oldest past grand master in the State, and H. G Thayer, of Plymouth, next to Mr. Palmer is seventy-two years of age and the latter seventy. Mr. Thayer has attended every meeting of the State Commandery for thirty-four years and all of the national meetings in thirty-two years, except one in San Francisco. He also accompanied the Apollo Commandery, of Chicago, on

Knight Templar pilgrimage to Europe.

THE AFTERNOON PARADE.

Between 1,200 and 1,500 plumed knights were in the parade of the Knights Temcommanderies were represented, from al twenty minutes for the line to pass a given point. The parade was headed by a platoor of patrolmen, under Captain Hyland and Sergeants Weaver and Sandman, followed by the Indianapolis Military Band and Raper Commandery, No. 1. Other cities represented in the parade, with either their entire commanderies or representatives of them were: Shelbyville, Lafayette, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Richmond, Knightstown, Greencastle, South Bend, Columbus, Terre Haute, Muncie, Marion, Madison Franklin, St. John, Crawfordsville, Jeffersonville, Valparaiso, Frankfort, Anderson Washington, Wabash, Bluffton, Greenfield, Delphi, New Castle and Brazil. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home Band from Knightstown, accompanying the commandery from that place, was the center of attraction among the bands. It is composed of boys ranging from eight to sixteen years of age.

The long line of Knights, under command of Gen. William J. McKee, marched from

Capitol avenue eastward on Washington Alabama street, thence northward to Vermont street, west on Vermont street to Meridian street, and south on Meridian to the Circle. Considerable annoyance was experienced at the different street, car crossings, as cars did not stop an instant for the parade. Delay of street-car traffic is not permitted by a city ordinance recently put into effect. Visitors were very much surprised at the failure of the cars to stop until the matter was explained to them.

BUSINESS SESSION IS HELD. Preceding the big parade a business session was held in which the annual reports of Grand Commander Frederick Glass, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 4.)

Mrs. Oelrichs and Mrs. Vir-

ginia Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, May 11.-By consent of the

and Mrs. Charles L. Fair were killed in an

In a statement, issued after the judg-

ment had been entered, the attorneys for

Mrs. Nelson and her family made it known

also that by common consent of the per-

sons interested the sum paid in final set-

The action was begun in February, 1903,

and Mrs. Vanderbilt, sisters of Charles L.

Fair, relative to the distribution of the

settlement Mrs. Nelson received \$125,000 and

others of her family who were plaintiffs

Riot at Chin-Kiang.

left an estate valued at about \$7,000,000.

tlement would not be made public.

to set aside the settlement made at

automobile accident in France in 1902.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., May 11 .- Fred C. | plaintiffs, the action against Mrs. Theresa

Gause, of New Castle, is dangerously Alice Oelrichs and Mrs. Virginia Vander-

SETTLED BY CONSENT

FAIR ESTATE CONTEST

# PU LUN IN AMERICA TO SECURE OFFICERS FOR CHINESE ARMY



PRINCE PU LUN. Who Is in America to Secure American Officers for the Chinese Army.

# KAI-PING OCCUPIED BY **NIEU-CHWANG ON FRIDAY**

Templar insignia of the cross and the Opposing Armies Getting Into Closer Touch and a Battle May Soon Be Fought.

PORT ARTHUR SUCCORED

Trainload of War Munitions Received—Japanese Warships in Possiet Bay.

SHANGHAI, May 11.-It is reported from Peking that the Japanese, on Monday, occupied Kai-Ping, sixteen miles below Tashichao, and that they expect to occupy Nieu-Chwang on

POSSIET, Siberia, May 11 .- A Japanese torpedo boat made its appearance in the roadstead two days ago and suspicious lights have been seen Everything is quiet here, but all is in rendiness to meet any landing of the enemy, whose probable purpose is the cutting off of Vladivostok.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.-General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the Emperor that a train loaded with war material from Liao-Yang has arrived at Port Arthur.

VLADIVOSTOK, May 11 .- All is quiet here. The enemy has not been sighted. The commander of the forces has left Vladivostok, after carefully reviewing the troops and inspecting the fortifications.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12, 3:35 a. Impending events of great importance to the military situation in Manchuria are foreshadowed in official dispatches given out late last night by the war commission On May 8 the Japanese forces cautiously moved from Feng-Wang-Cheng toward Hai-Chweng, which is thirty-two miles east opinion of the general staff that they should certainly reach their destination within two erans. Captain English said the letter with Port Arthur effectively cut off, Nieu-Chwang, which the Russians have already dismantled, would pass into their hands. The entire Liao-Tung peninsula, in fact, save Port Arthur, and perhaps Kai-Ping, would be commanded by them.

The general staff has received the following dispatch from General Karkevitch bearing yesterday's date: "According to reports from the region of the Tayang river, sent on the evening of May 8, the Japanese had not yet occupied Takuchan. sotnia of Cossacks on the morning of May 7 approached within nine miles of Luan-Miao and became engaged in a fusillade with a Japenese company. The latter soon received reinforcements, our sotnia finding itself opposed to a Japanese bat-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 6.)

## Gen. Edmond F. English Established at Yankton, S. D., as American Member of General Staff

Capt. W. E. English, of This City, Receives Letters Asking Information of Volunteer Officers in Spanish-American War

of Imperial Reform Forces

W. T. Holly, Prominent Railroad Official, Says His Company Is Working to Secure Contract for Transportation

It has been definitely ascertained that his Imperial Highness Prince Pu Lun, now visiting the United States as a commissioner to the St. Louis exposition, is also here for the purpose of obtaining an entire staff of American soldiers as officers for the new Chinese imperial reform army.

The prince, who will be in Indianapolis next week, is a direct representative of her imperial Majesty the dowager Empress of China. He comes armed with full authority, and his plans are to officer the entire reformed Chinese army with Americans. Captain William E. English, of this city, has received a personal letter from Brigadier General Edmond F. English, of Yankton, S. D., giving a full exposition of the plan. The latter is the American member of the Chinese general staff. He is sending out invitations to every officer of volunteers who served in the late war with Spain. asking them to accept commissions in the

new Chinese army. Mr. W. T. Holly, traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific Railroad, the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and the Southern Pacific & Mexican International Railway Company, passed through the city Tuesday and gave to a Journal representative facts concerning the contract for the transportation of the officers. His company will bid for the transportation of the officers to San Francisco and from San Francisco to Hong-Kong. Mr.

Holly cabled yesterday from Cincinnati to Mr. Henry Chwang, the company's representative in Hong-Kong, instructing him to bid for the carrying of the Americans. The bid will be made with the expectation of transporting at least 5,000 officers, ACTING FOR PU LUN. Mr. Holly said that General English, with headquarters at Yankton, is acting for

Prince Pu Lun. He stated that General English had sent letters to prominent officials of the three Spanish-American war veterans' associations, recently combined, asking for the names of men who had held commissions in the volunteer army who might be induced to accept commissions in the Chinese army. It is known that in these communications General English acknowledges his appointment by the commander of the Chinese imperial reform army as its representative in the United States. He states that all officers will receive the same pay according to their rank as that given by the United States government. No offers for enlisted men are made, as they will be all Chinese. An offer of free transportation to China is made to all who receive RAPIDLY DEVELOPING the Emperor's commission in the modernized imperial army and the declaration is made that they will not lose their citizenship in the United States. Mr. Holly said that Capt. W. E. English.

as a prominent officer of the United Spanish War Veterans, had undoubtedly received a communication from General Eng-Captain English, when asked whether he

had received a letter from General English at Yankton, evinced surprise that the matsuch a communication had reached him. addressed to him as the commander-inchief of the Spanish-American War Vetstated that the writer had addressed hi because he desired to get in touch with officers of the Spanish-American war who were members of his organization. Capt. English refused to make this letter public. but admitted that its contents were in effect in accordance with the information obtained by the Journal. He added: "I do not knog General English personally and am in no way related to him. I suppose re wrote to me solely because of my connection with the Spanish war veterans' organization. Captain English consented to make pub-

lic a second letter from General English in which the latter expressed the hope that the recipient will meet Prince Pu Lun dur-ing the latter's visit to Indianapolis. The letter follows: "Chinese Imperial Reform Army, "General Staff,

"Yankton, S. D., 4-26-1904. 'Captain William E. English: "Dear Sir-I notice by press dispatches that his Imperial Highness, Pu Lun, chief of the World's Fair Chinese Commission will visit your city on May 18, and I bespeak for the prince a hearty welcome. His Highness is next in succession to His

Majesty Kwang Hsu, the present Emperor of all China. The prince is very democratic, easily approached and a splendid man. His English instructor, Wong Kal Kah, is a graduate of Yale, wears a dozen gold stars and orders from all nations. expect to have the pleasure of meeting them both in St. Louis later. I thank you in advance for the rousing reception which your fellow-citizens will accord this repas the largest, on the face of the globe The impressions of Americans he will take back to the Orient will mean very much. commercially as well as politically. "I am, sir, very truly, 'EDMOND F. ENGLISH."

Capt. William E. English ridiculed the idea that he would for a moment think of accepting a commission for himself in the Chinese army, no matter how flattering the inducement. "However, this may be a chance for young volunteers who got a taste of fighting during the Spanish war," he said to the Journal yesterday. 'General English says they will receive the best of treatment, and those who are clever and in earnest will advance rapidly. I suppose it is no disgrace for anybody to accept a commission in the Chinese army, providing he has no obligations to his own government or country. As for myself, however, the idea is impossible, and if I should

TO IMPROVE CHINESE ARMY. During the recent Boxer troubles in the Flowery Kingdom, the Empress is said to have been greatly displeased with the poor and was promoted to his lieutenancy from | showing made by the Chinese troops. The plan of having the entire Chinese army officered by American soldiers was presented to her by a member of the Cabinet and forthwith Prince Pu Lun was given instructions by the Empress before leaving his home to offer commissions to as many sympathy with 800 bookbinders who walked able-bodied American soldiers who held out yesterday to compel the Chicago commissions in the Spanish-American war It is said that some of the other men

bers of the Chinese Cabinet objected to

#### AMERICANS SHOT FROM AMBUSH BY REBEL MOROS Illinois Convention Will Be Asked F. C. Gouse, of New Castle, Judgment Is Rendered Against Lieut. Henry A. Woodruff, Born

in Indiana, and Second Lieut. Joseph H. Hall Slain.

SECRET FIFTEEN MEN ALSO DEAD

MANILA, May 11.-Lieut. of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, sick at the New Aveline Hotel in this city, bilt, brought by Hannah E. Nelson, mother were caught on May 8 to an ambush by here to-day by State Supreme Court Jus- A. Woodruff and Second Lieut. Joseph H. from Bluffton, after the ceremony there tice Bischoff. A final judgment was ren- Hall, both of the Seventeenth Infantry, and dered in favor of the defendants. Mr. fifteen men were killed and five men were

> The ambush occurred at Simpatem, on the east shore of Lake Lingusan, Island Lieutenant Woodruff was born in In-

that a settlement satisfactory to both diana and entered the service from the sides had been effected. They announced State of New York as a second lieutenant in the Thirteenth Infantry in 1899. He was ever draw sword in defense of any banner transferred to the Seventeenth Infantry on | it must be for 'Old Glory.' June 8 and on Feb. 12, 1901, was promoted to be first lieutenant of the Twenty-seventh Infantry. On March 19, 1902, he was Francisco in August, 1902, between Mrs. transferred back to the Seventeenth In-Nelson and her family and Mrs. Oelrichs Lieutenant Hall was born in Alabama estates of Mr. and Mrs. Fair. Under this

Bookbinders' Strike Spreading.

with her in the action received smaller sums, varying according to their relationship from \$10,000 to \$1,600. Charles L. Fair CHICAGO, May 11.-Blank bookbinders. forwarders and paper rulers in the factories of Pettibone, Sawtell & Co. and George E. Marshall & Co. struck to-day in SHANGHAI, May 11, evening .- There was a riot at Chin-Kiang to-day. The mob burned the quarters of the police force. Several persons were killed or wounded. Typothetae to sign a agreement. A spread er shops is expected. Typothetae to sign a blanket "closed shop agreement. A spread of the strike in oth

the ranks.